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THE BBS LIST

This month Denver PC Boardwatch presents a list of 196 bulletin boards/on-line services available in area code 303 - see page 12. A total of 10 Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) were deleted from the September list with 8 additions. Each number is verified by actual telephone contact within the 30 days preceding publication. Additions and major changes to the list are highlighted in bold-face type. Corrections may be addressed via the Denver PC Boardwatch Echomail Conference, by Fidonet Mail addressed to JACK RICKARD via Net 104 Node 555 at (303)973-4222, JACK.RICKARD on the General Electric GEnie information service, BOARDWATCH on the new 1-976-GEIS service or 71471,561 on Compuserve.

BBS FILES SUIT AGAINST CALLER

Bill Christison, system operator for the Santa Fe Message BBS (505)988-5867, filed suit August 12 in the US District Court of New Mexico against one of his callers, Michael Dagg AKA Carter Pruett. In the suit, Mr. Chrisitison claims Dagg uploaded a trojan horse program titled BBSMON.COM to his system on May 4 and again on May 7. The program, purporting to be a useful utility, actually erases DOS and scrambles the hard disk file allocation table - effectively erasing all data on the drive. Mr. Christison tested the program before making it available for download and discovered the damaging software. Contrary to some reports appearing in the popular press and on at least one commercial online service, the program exhibited no "viral" characteristics. It was a simple trojan horse program. We're still unable to locate a single instance of a true viral program. Mr Christison is seeking \$1000 damages for each upload, litigation costs and attorney's fees, and an order barring Mr. Dagg from uploading such software to other systems. Apparently Mr. Dagg called the system under his own name as well as the alias Carter Pruett. Mr. Christison's system offers skiing and tourism information on Northern New Mexico and runs on BBS software titled Remote Operating System (ROS).

HAYES DEEPENS SYSOP DISCOUNT PROGRAM Hayes Microcomputer Products has announced a startling reduction in the price of their Hayes V-Series 9600 bps (bits-per-second) modems between now

and October 29, 1988. In our July issue we reported Hayes offered a discount from the normal \$1299 list to a more attractive \$655 for qualifying BBS system operators. We also noted that US Robotics had virtually locked up the BBS market by discounting their 9600 bps unit to \$505. Apparently Hayes has taken note because they've cut the price of the Hayes V-Series 9600 bps model a full 70% off list to a very attractive \$400 to sysops. Each qualifying sysop may purchase up to four modems at the reduced price. Locally, 18 BBS feature 9600 bps operation with 16 using the US Robotics model and two sporting the Microcom model. Hayes hopes to reverse this trend nationwide with the new program. The V-Series was first introduced in June, 1987.

The 9600 bps market has featured a variety of vendors up to this point and a major problem for consumers. The only available "standard" for 9600 bps operation is the CCITT (Comite Consultatif International Telegraphique et Telephonique) V.32 full duplex standard. Unfortunately, the technology to implement V.32 is extremely expensive. Hayes offers a V.32 Hayes Smartmodem 9600 at \$1995 for example. US Robotics, Microcom, Telebit, and Hayes all offer half-duplex modems in the \$1000 range. Unfortunately, none of these 9600 bps units can communicate with each other at the 9600 speed. The 9600 operation only works between modems of the same manufacture. To "cross connect", the modems must fall back to 2400 bps where a common standard already exists.

The vendors are gradually working toward unity. The CCITT V.42 error correction standard for half-duplex modems is scheduled for signature in Australia during October 1988. This standard should provide a partial fix for the problem although it leaves several important elements up in the air. The Hayes Link Access Protocol - Balanced (LAP-B) and the Microcom Networking Protocol (MNP) classes 2 through 4 will both be incorporated in V.42 as error correction standards. And both companies have promised full implementation of V.42 in their future products. But V.42 leaves the question of 9600 bps modulation unresolved. The probability of Microcom and Hayes modems actually being able to converse with each other soon at 9600 bps is remote.



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(303)**799-9229** FAX:(303)790-4100 BBS:(303)799-4813 6801 South Dayton Street, Englewood Colorado, 80112 Likewise, US Robotics and Hayes have reached some preliminary cross license agreements. But it could very likely be several years before a common 9600 bps capability comes of this either.

John Aitken is sysop project coordinator. Hayes Microcomputer Products, PO Box 105203, Atlanta, GA 30348; (404)441-1617

US WEST WINS ISDN CONTRACT

US West Information Systems Inc., beat out such notables as AT&T, IBM, GTE, BellSouth, and Contel to win a \$17 million University of Arizona installation contract for both a campus-wide fiber-optic data network and a 17,200 line ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) system. A total of 84 of the 117 oncampus buildings will be linked by over 38,000 feet of fiber-optic cable linking scores of existing Ethernet LAN systems. The campus currently supports dozens of mini and mainframe computers and over 4000 PCs. The system should be operational in 1990.

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AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

According to John Love, publisher of Bank Network News, there are currently **72,000 ATMs** in service worldwide. Both **CIRRUS** and **PLUS** systems sport over **20,000** machines each.

TELENET BUYS MICROCOM MODEMS

Telenet Communications recently purchased over 2000 Microcom AX/9624c modems for use in its popular packet switched data network. The AX/9624c supports Microcom's MNP (Microcom Networking Protocol) to Class 6. Class 6 operation includes data compression to produce an effective throughput of 19,200 bps. The modems are scheduled for installation in 24 cities.

FAX FEATURES RS-232 PORT

The market for FAX machines has gone wild with current predictions of over 1 million unit sales for 1988. FAX cards for PCs have also been all the rage recently. But without a scanner and laser printer, they can't compete with the convenience of dialing a telephone, sliding in a piece of paper, and having a very nearly identical copy slide out of another machine 1000 miles away. Still, the PC can edit text and it is at times nice to simply send a message to someone who owns a fax rather than an E-Mail address. Murata Business Systems has bridged this feature gap by offering a standard FAX machine, their model F50 (\$3595), and

an RS-232 interface device, the Facsimile Interface Processor (FIP). The FIP lists for \$995. The FAX provides 1 MB of memory to hold up to 60 pages. The PC can pass data to, or retrieve images from the FAX memory. Murata Business Systems, 4801 Spring Valley Rd., Bldg 108B, Dallas, TX 75244;(214)392-1622.

XEROX TO RELEASE VENTURA PUBLISHER 2.0 Xerox Corporation of Stanford Connecticutt, released two new versions of its immensely popular desktop publishing package VENTURA PUBLISHER. The program has become the standard desktop publishing package for IBM PC compatible computers and many print shops around the country offer Ventura support and laser printing services.

The new version 2.0 offers support for the Lotus/Intel/Microsoft Expanded Memory specification which should eliminate the frequent NOT ENOUGH MEMORY error that often requires users to break large tables into smaller segments. On the downside, some early testers report that the program is a memory hog of the 1.5-4.0 MB variety. The product will be able to import dBase and Lotus 123 files directly and it's rumored that both Microsoft Windows and the current GEM interface will be offered. Horizontal and vertical centering and vertical justification are provided in the new release and it supports both EGA and VGA graphic standards. Page rotation in 90 degree increments is also provided. A version of 2.0 will also be released to support Local Area Network (LAN) operation. The greatest rumored addition we think is the new context sensitive help feature. Xerox Software Product Center, 1301 Ridgeview Dr., LV179, Lewisville, TX 75057; (800)822-8221.

FINANCIAL NEWS NETWORK INTERFACE

One of the real success stories of cable television is Financial News Network. FNN has developed a loyal following among investors with its business news and stories. An unusual and appropriate feature of this channel is a two-line blue "ticker" ribbon running across the bottom of the screen throughout the broadcast. This ticker looks like a stream of Martian Hieroglyphics to the uninitiated but it actually represents stock exchange transactions that occurred some 15 minutes previously. CableSoft, Inc., of Fairfield lowa, has developed an ingenious expansion card for IBM compatible computers that actually demodulates the transmitted TV signal, plucks the data from the NTSC video signal, converts it to ASCII text, and then uses it with one of the best little portfolio management programs we've seen anywhere.

Essentially, you plug an adapter between the cable and your TV converter. The card itself has a jumper to select from three channel bands covering the 107

channel cable spectrum. The card is intelligent enough to actually locate the channel carrying FNN within the proper band.

Once operating, the portfolio manager can track multiple portfolios each containing up to 500 stocks. The software assembles data on high, low, average, volume, etc. on each stock by snagging the data from the ticker stream as it comes in. The package features impressive trendline and graphing features and even displays the ticker itself across the bottom of the screen either with full data or displaying just those stocks you have selected in your portfolio.

The entire package is titled LiveWire and it prices out at \$995. With the X*PRESS EXECUTIVE service offering similar utility via cable for around \$225 plus \$19.95 per month (Denver PC Boardwatch, August, 1988), we find the \$995 tag on this card a skoshe pricey. But we can't help but be delighted with the innovative technical cunning of this product. Once their initial product introduction euphoria wanes and they bring their admission price down to levels appropriate for earthlings, we think this group faces a very bright future. How about a card to grab NFL scores and highlights off of old I Love Lucy re-runs? A LiveWire demo disk is available for \$10. CableSoft, Inc., 307 West Burlington Ave., Fairfield, Iowa 52556; (515)472-8393.

INTEL/DCA ANNOUNCE NEW 9600 BPS MODEM/FAX CARD

Intel's Personal Computer Enhancement Operation of Hillsborough Oregon and Digital Communications Associates (DCA) of Alpharetta Georgia, have teamed up to produce a communications card for IBM compatible PCs that many feel will become the new communications standard device. The product is actually a combination of hardware, software, and a published communications specification titled Communicating Applications Specification (CAS)

The hardware is termed the Connection Co-Processor and consists of a plug in circuit card featuring a 9600 bps modem and a facsimile machine emulator. The card is powered by a 10 MHz 80188 communication coprocessor chip with 256 KB of RAM. This allows the card to run communication tasks in the background - freeing the PC for other tasks. The card also features an Appletalk style connector and a LAN networking feature ala TOPS is rumored.

Software consists of a 65 KB memory resident operations program and Zsoft's PC Paintbrush software used to view/edit received fax images.

Initially the card will offer 9600 bps binary file transfer (yes, another 9600 bps "standard") and 9600 bps Group III facsimile capability. Note that 9600 bps file transfer can only take place between two Intel Connection CoProcessor cards. This is the same morass currently enjoyed by all 9600 bps modern manufacturers. But products planned for the immediate future include a 2400 bps Hayes compatible modern module, and a 3270 emulator function. DCA makes the popular IRMA 3270 emulator now as well as distributing Crosstalk, one of the most popular commercial communications software packages.

The CAS specification describes an entire topography for communications that allows a variety of devices to plug into the system and, of course, a variety of software. Essentially, the spec makes it easy to incorporate communications in software. The design burden seems to fall on hardware manufacturers to work within the spec. Numerous software heavyweights immediately jumped in behind the new specification including Lotus, Microsoft, Ashton-Tate, Word Perfect, Borland and Novell. The immediate application these software products will incorporate is expected to be a simple facsimile dump. The ability to simply send a Lotus spreadsheet to a fax with a keystroke has obvious and immediate advantages. Ditto E-Mail pounded out on Word Perfect.

The card is initially priced at \$995. But it incorporates so many current features (9600 bps files plus fax) and future enhancements such as 3270 emulation and LAN connections (a FAX port for LANs?) that it just might set a new standard in communications devices.

Intel operates an excellent three-line product information BBS at (503)645-6275. Intel Corporation, 5200 NE Elam Young Parkway, Hillsborough, OR 97124; (800)538-3373 voice.

HARPERS MAGAZINE reports several statistical items of note. It appears there are approximately 1300 Kiwanis club meetings held each businessday in the United States. We can't help but wonder who caters these things. Further, Americans work approximately 54 acres of crossword puzzles daily - we're looking for a five-letter Yiddish word meaning "you don't say". A total of 39 twelve-fingered Amish dwarfs reside in Lancaster County, Pennsylvannia and there have been 31 documented cases of toothbrush swallowing in medical literature with 4 of these occurring in the Durham, North Carolina area alone. This is the kind of detailed statistical information we live for. Harper's Magazine, PO Box 1937, Marion, OH 43305; (614)383-3141.

DOS 4.0 - A FAT OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

In an earlier issue, we had mentioned the new DOS **4.0** IBM released this past July. One of the endearing features of this release was the virtually unlimited hard drive capacity it allowed versus the 32 MB limit imposed in DOS 3.3. This was done by expanding the File Allocation Table (FAT) format. For all practical purposes, this allows virtually unlimited disk drive sizes. Unfortunately, this makes any utility software that modifies or uses the FAT obsolete overnight. Further, DOS 4.0 has a few other problems. It will install most readily over IBM's own PC-DOS version 3.3. But if you try to install it on a clone computer using MS-DOS, or even an IBM computer running MS-DOS, you'll get the error message UNRECOVERABLE ERROR. You must completely reformat your hard drive to install it. Further, it appears to have some major problems with the LOTUS/INTEL/MICROSOFT Expanded Memory Specification (EMS) to the point that it will bring the machine to a HALT. Finally, DOS 4.0 seems to have difficulty with a broad array of TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. Consider waiting for DOS 4.1 which should be out very soon. IBM has a new referral telephone service in Emporia Illinois at (800)447-4700. This number is apparently an external company that acts as a telephone directory for IBM.

KERMIT 2.31 ANNOUNCED

Many mainframe communications ports allow only 7bit data bytes to pass with the eigth bit used for control purposes. Almost all microcomputer communications are based on a full 8-bit data byte. To allow file exchange between mainframe and micro computers, some enterprising gents at Columbia University created a file transfer protocol titled after a frog and released it into the public domain several years ago. The protocol was termed KERMIT, after the frog, and still enjoys immense popularity in that environment. Version 2.31 of the program is now released and it features a script language for the very first time. Improved user documentation also helps the package. The protocol is actually available for a number of different machines. A version for the IBM PC is available for \$20 from KERMIT, Columbia University Center for Computing Activities, 612 West 115th Street, New York, NY 10025; (212)280-3703.

US WEST LOCAL CALLING AREA PLAN HEARINGS

US West/Mountain Bell has proposed a new tariff that will affect almost every telephone subscriber in the state of Colorado. The new Local Calling Area Plan establishes a new rate structure based on both time and geography. Geographically, you will have access

to one of three zones via a local call. Calls outside the zone will be charged at a toll rate of approximately 3 to 5 cents per minute. The smallest zone is the cheapest of course with the largest zone being the most expensive. The new plan also calls for four different time rates including measured service, 6-hour monthly, 12-hour monthly, and unlimited calling. This provides a matrix of 12 completely confusing options for the average subscriber to agonize over. In fact, even US West representatives admit that if you really want to compare your expenses, it would be better if you called and let them calculate it for you. We're a bit uncomfortable with that approach.

Most subscribers currently enjoy one local calling area and unlimited dialing. To retain this, you would want to opt for Zone C coverage and unlimited dialing. **Zone C.** the largest of the three geographical options, will in all cases give you as much coverage as you now have, and in some cases you may actually be able to place a local call to a few obscure small towns previously billed long distance. Opting for Zone C unlimited dialing will raise the average residential customer's telephone bill about \$1.66 per month. Businesses may get hit a little harder - roughly \$5 monthly. The current battle looms over whether callers who do not specify a zone/time choice will default to the newer, more expensive Zone C/unlimited or whether they will fall into a smaller zone to maintain their current billing rate.

The entire tariff has been presented to the Public Utilities Commission and if approved would go into effect sometime in 1989 or 1990. Before it rules, the PUC has set up some public hearings on the matter where you can go and voice your objections/concerns. US West representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Because of typically low public participation in these hearings, a sparse handful of interested citizens can have an enormous impact on the final decision. Hearings will be held in coming weeks according to the following schedule:

TARIFF	HEARING DATE	S
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9/19 Denver 9/28 Boulder 10/5 Aurora 10/6 Lamar 10/6 Alamosa 10/7 Grand Junct 10/7 Col Springs 10/12 Granby 10/13 Lakewood	PUC Hearing Room B National. Bureau of Stds Eagle Crest High School County Courthouse Adams State College Mesa State College City Council Chambers Community Center Municipal Center	

When the long distance game was deregulated, it too became a hopeless tangle of rates and discounts. Most consumers simply opted for AT&T, largely recognized as the most expensive but also most familiar service, rather than go through a complex analysis of calling patterns, rates, and frill services. We think the LCAP is similarly complex by design hoping for the same default type of response. If successful, it would result in a modest rate increase for everyone. More onerously, it closely resembles some of the first steps taken to the zoned local calling nightmares currently in place in a few cities such as San Francisco. These tariffs have proven very profitable for the Local Bell Operating Companies that have managed to enact them and generally very expensive for the subscribers living in zoned cities.

Whatever your stand on this issue, we urge you to attend one of these hearings and speak your mind. Let's not let this tariff be enacted through the usual apathy and lack of public participation that lends tacit approval to most such requests.

ADA HISTORY

The ADA programming language is playing an increasingly important role in any defense contract work. The program was originally developed as a weapons tracking system control language by a contract team headed by Jean Ichbiah. It was modeled after Nicholas Wirth's Pascal language in structure. In fact, the similarity carries over even to the name. Wirth named Pascal after Blaise Pascal, a French mathematician who developed a calculating machine in 1640. ADA was named after lady Ada Augusta, the Countess of Lovelace. While this may not appear to hold any parallels, Lady Lovelace served as an assistant to mathematician Charles Babbage (1791-1871) who struggled with development of calculating engines most of his life. His later work employed punched cards for sequence control after the fashion of the Jacquard loom. While popular computer lore would attribute this as the first stored program calculating machine, the cards actually only carried sequencing information and would not normally be considered as following the stored-program principle. Further, none of Mr. Babbages machines ever actually worked with the exception of a difference engine actually built by George and Edward Scheutz - employing Babbages theories.

Most other computer languages are some form of acronym. Some examples:

FORTRAN ALGOL APL COBOL	FORmula TRANslator ALGOrithmic Language A Programming Language COmmon Business Oriented Language
RPG	Report Program Generator
BASIC	Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
LISP	LISt Processor
SNOBOL	StriNg Oriented SymBOlic Language
PROLOG	PROgramming LOGic
С	A successor to B.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

On Friday, August 5, 1988, the Social Security Administration announced a new toll-free telephone number at (800)937-2000. The number was set up to allow callers to request a copy of the new SSA-7004 form. This form allows you to request a detail accounting of your social security account including an estimate of your pension benefits upon retirement.

To handle the calls, SSA employed an automated system they were told would handle 10,000 calls hourly. Unfortunately, once under load, the system actually handled about 2500 callers hourly. As a result, telephone circuits throughout the nation were literally jammed for hours. Many local switching offices installed temporary blocks to prevent the calls from even being switched.

By mid-month, SSA had added an additional 16 telephone lines, doubling capacity, and call demand had slackened to manageable levels. By the time you read this, you should be able to get through with no problem. Social Security Administration spokesmen claimed the reason the system didn't handle the projected 10,000 calls hourly was that the users were confused and slowed things down. Right......

BBS SOFTWARE CONNECTS DOS MACHINES TO UNIX NETWORK

Software Concepts Design offers a BBS software program titled RamNet. The program is a memory resident communications package allowing upload/download operations to occur in the background. The program also allows you to run a BBS with a powerful RamNet mail network. Most notably, RamNet allows your PC to act as a TELEX terminal to receive messages from this aging, but still active message system. Further, RamNet allows MS-DOS machines to participate in mail and file exchanges with the popular UNIX based UUCP (Unix to Unix CoPy - CP is the UNIX command for COPY) network. This is a very popular mail system connecting universities and corporations across the country. It's similar in

many respects to the Fidonet system but until now it's largely been limited to **UNIX** based systems. With RamNet, you could run a **UUCP** node on an **MS-DOS** based IBM PC. The program travels for a competitive \$149. To see the product in action, try their BBS at (212)889-6438 (data). Software Concepts Design, 594 Third Ave., New York, NY 10016; (212)889-6431 (voice).

PC WEEK ONLINE SERVICE

PC WEEK Magazine has been very successful as a weekly tabloid catering primarily to the IBM corporate applications world. The weekly offers some interesting and timely news on connectivity, telephone company developments, and of course, IBM announcements. The magazine intends to inaugurate an online Special Interest Group (SIG) area on the Compuserve network. This online service would allow readers to interact with various columnists for the magazine as well as participate in several forums dedicated to actual business applications.

Magazines are increasingly adopting online services via the existing commercial systems as another avenue of communication with readers. We were somewhat shocked to learn that some of these companies pay as much as \$2500 monthly for a special BBS on Compuserve. Tony Pompili is Editorial Manager for Online Services at PC Week, 800 Boston Street, Boston, MA 02199; (800)451-1032.

ORACLE DBMS FOR MACINTOSH

Oracle Coporation of Belmont California has released a version of its popular **ORACLE** Data Base Management System for the Apple Macintosh personal computer. As part of the implementation, Oracle has included **HYPER*SQL**, an upgrade for Apple's Hyper Card Development System that allows Hypercard to interact with Oracle data bases. The program should be available in November 1988. Oracle, 20 Davis Drive, Belmont, CA 94002; **(800)345-3267**.

SINGLE CHIP 9600 BPS MODEMS

Yamaha Corp. of America has announced a modem chip capable of 9600 bps operation in a single-chip modem configuration. The new chip, designated the YM7109, is priced at \$95 for a 40-pin package or \$97 for the 64-pin package in quantities of 100. Evaluation copies have been available since September. Yamaha Corporation, 6600 Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620; (714)522-9223.

LOCAL ACCESS

LESLEY COLLEGE BBS

George Willett of Wheatridge Colorado operates a fairly unique BBS system in cooperation with the National Outreach program of Lesley College in Cambridge MA. The system operates on two Apple][e computers tied together with a 20 MB hard drive. Access at 300 or 1200 bps is provided over two telephone lines available through (303)233-5824

The system offers some fairly interesting areas including some good Apple][e programming sections for AppleSoft Basic, Terrapin Logo, and Pascal. The system also offers a number of message areas and the GBBS Pro Version 1.4c software it runs on has obviously been fairly heavily modified.

Like many systems, Mr. Willett is trying to get users to help support his system. A \$10 lifetime membership allows access to the programming and download areas and is a relatively reasonable fee as these things go and you will enjoy relatively good access even without paying the fee. If you're still running an Apple [[e computer, this system would likely prove a valuable resource. George Willett, PO Box 5154, Wheatridge, CO 80034.

Lesley College operates a national outreach office in Greeley. Lesley College - National Outreach, 710 11th Ave, Suite L90, Greeley, CO 80631; (303)353-6502.

MAGIC BBS

Steve Sande of Highlands Ranch Colorado operates one of the few Macintosh BBS available in the area at (303)791-8732. The system operates on a Macintosh 512K Enhanced model with a 20 MB hard drive at up to 2400 bps. The system is titled MAGIC from Macintosh And GS Information Center and as you might expect its main raison d'etre is to support Apple Macintosh and GS models.

The system runs on some relatively new Macintosh BBS software titled **NovaLink Version 2.0**. A retail operation, Computer CACHE, helps support the system but a \$15 annual fee is still required and nonscribers are limited to a draconian 15 minutes online with no download priviledges. Even paying subscribers are limited to a single hour daily and the sysop goes on at some length concerning their lack of obligation to provide an up system for any length of time. Correspondence/subscription fee to SanSoft (MAGIC), 892 E. Quail Place, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

CORNER PUB BBS

Richard Douglas has operated BBS in the Houston area for several years and even dabbled in writing BBS software. Now, he's started a new IBM based system here in Denver at (303)759-8619. The system is in the Fidonet as Net 104 node 414 and is titled THE CORNER PUB. The system displays a fit and polish unusual in a new BBS, probably due to his past BBS experiences in Texas. For those not familiar with Texas it is relatively easy to find. Go east until you smell it - turn right - and proceed south until you step in it. It's not like you could miss it.

Mr. Douglas expends a good deal of effort in downloading the very latest in Shareware and Public Domain software from national commercial services such as CompuServe and GEnie. This leads to a very current system.

The board features a fairly active 32 message areas. We found some utterly fascinating, useful, and well presented information regarding the SEA/PKWare lawsuit assembled and available here. Mr. Douglas had even logged some GEnie message traffic concerning the lawsuit.

The system requires a \$10 annual fee to help support Mr. Douglas's sojourns into the land of commercial online systems to glean the latest and greatest in software and news - probably a pretty attractive price for what benefits this garners. The idea of having someone screen out the garbage and dig out the pearls from CompuServe and GEnie for \$10 annually is a tad attractive all by itself - BBS aside. New callers can feel free to dial in and look around at no charge. We tend to recommend it.

NONAME BBS FINALLY CHRISTENED

Jon and Danielle Johnson inaugurated a BBS early this year using the MINIHOST BBS software at (303)988-5765. Though small, the system attracted a fairly urbane following early on and the message traffic was always interesting. As a result, the NoName BBS system built a large out-of-state following and quickly broached the Minihost user limit with 517 verified users.

This past month, NoName was finally christened Translations Unlimited. All the old sharware download files and message topics are gone and the system will serve as a resource for Danielle's language translation services.

It seems Danielle served for several years as an attorney in Belgium working with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Supreme Headquarters of

Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE). This work involved not only legal consultations, but given the where and the why of it, also required heavy translation of quite technical documents among the various languages favored by NATO members. When she relocated here to the Denver area, she found her Belgian law degree was not recognized in the United States and it would require at least three years of further schooling to resume her career as an attorney. Fortunately, there was some demand for language translations and so Danielle was able to put her skills to use.

The service offers translation of everything from legal and business documents to personal correspondence and family documents between German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Flemish, French, and Afrikaans. The actual handling of documents can be done in person, by US Mail, and of course, by modem. Almost all word processing formats are supported. Most documents up to around 20 pages can be done within a day or two. Prices start at around \$10 for a short personal document and 9-25 cents per word for longer items depending on technical complexity. The system also allows individuals with translation skills to register their specialty. Eventually, such a system could serve as a clearing house for translation services. EFF Services, 255 Zang St., #2538, Lakewood, CO 80228; (303)980-5735 (voice).

LONG DISTANCE USA

MONTANNA RURAL EDUCATION NET

Dave Hughes began fooling around with modems back in 1979 and could quite safely be viewed as one of the "old men" of the BBS game. He's run the OLD COLORADO CITY/ROGER'S BAR BBS in Colorado Springs at (719)632-3391 and the commercial CHARIOT COMMUNICATIONS system at (719)632-4111 for a number of years. Some say he got a city councilman elected down there with a BBS and his system was mentioned prominently on a McNeil Lehrer report on PBS television a few years ago. More recently, he's garnered some notoriety throughout the country speaking on the subject of personal computer communications and the videotext/online service industry. He speaks not only knowledgeably, but with a very convincing enthusiasm and a populist vision of what this emerging technology can bring to the common man by way of access to enormous varieties and quantities of information. His COMVAN is a rolling communications center with a laptop computer connected to his home system via a packet switched commercial radio system. He can be online and on the road at the same time. Occasionally, his talking leads him into less pleasurable pursuits - such as work. From what we can tell, he must have really fallen into it up in Montanna.

Montanna has a few problems that are largely geographical in nature. It's up north and north gets cold. As a result, there are few people living in Montanna. Despite the sparse population, many of the residents are insistent that their children receive an education under the auspices of the state. Since this is more or less traditional throughout the nation, Montanna has pretty much committed to providing it. The result is a series of 114 one-room school houses, each with an average enrollment of about enough to play basketball during recess - girls allowed.

Despite the obvious logistical problems, and largely due to some pretty dedicated teachers, these schools have done their job - in some cases notably well. A number of unlikely entities seem to have conspired to help them out recently. Apple computer contributed computers and modems to many of these rural schoolhouses. More recently, our own Mr. Hughes and Frank Odasz, Asst. Professor of Computer Eductation for Western Montanna College got together on a proposal for an electronic data network to tie all these isolated schools together. Along the way, they won a joint grant from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust and the Mountain Bell Foundation in the amount of \$106,000 to effect such a network. The result is a fascinating system they call BIG SKY TELEGRAPH that operates at (406)683-7680 at 300 and 1200 bps.

The system runs on an SVC 386 microcomputer using SCO Xenix as an operating system and XBBS version 4.32 as a BBS system - albeit one that's felt a pretty heavy modifying hand from Mr. Hughes - the technical consultant. The system is connected to two in-state 800 numbers and four toll lines. It also features a voicemail system at (406)683-7695 that operates virtually as a voice BBS. Dave has even tied a facsimile machine AND an OCR (Optical Character Recognition) scanner into the system. You could fax a page of printed text to these guys and they could have it scanned in and online for download to rural schools all over the state as an ASCII file literally within minutes.

The system offers participating rural schools a variety of services including E-Mail, conferencing, online courses, and a database of downloadable lesson plans on just about anything. If a teacher in some remote area wants a lesson plan for electronics technology suitable for a fourth grade student - it's available and just a telephone call away.

The system contains an enormous variety of information - even for newsletter editors. We first learned of the NASA Educational Affairs Division SPACENET BBS on this system as well as finding out about a

UUCP system operating locally. Obviously, the major theme is education. But all callers are welcomed with refreshingly lucid, readable screens and instructions.

Lately, there has been talk of tying in more schools to the system, including rural schools in Wyoming and Colorado. This is the direct application of PC communications technology to the benefit of all - a BBS at its very best. Our hats off to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Odasz, and the Western Montanna College Rural Education Center for a very notably encouraging word.....where the skies are not cloudy all day. Western Montanna College, Box 11, Dillon, Montanna; (800)962-6668

NASA SPACELINK

Last issue, we reported on the NASA Space Science Data Center in Washington D.C. at (301)286-9000. The service provides some fairly technical information on space-based experiments. This month, we've located a more general interest service titled NASA SPACELINK Space-Related Informational Database operated by the NASA Educational Affairs Division at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville Alabama. The service is available at (205)895-0028.

NASA SPACELINK provides more general interest information about NASA activities including the current status of various ships and equipment currently being processed or tested. Additionally, this system provides assistance to educators by way of information that can be used in the classroom. Historical texts describing NASA, current news, NASA educational services, list of NASA installations, and texts describing some of the many technological marvels in consumer electronics and medicine that were outgrowths of our nations space program are available. Current NASA News, for example, contains a complete listing of all current official NASA news releases - including such detail stories as a description of a new space shuttle carrier aircraft, and notification of the formation of a space commercial development advisory group.

The service is totally free and runs on a Data General ECLIPSE MV7800 minicomputer. Enter NEWUSER for both Username and password when logging on. Note that NASA also intends to operate a voice telephone service during shuttle flights. Callers will be able to get shuttle news and update and even listen in on conversations between shuttle crew and ground personnel. The service will cost \$2 for the first minute and \$0.45 for each additional minute. Dial 1(900)909-NASA.

FEDERAL LIBRARY INFO NETWORK

FEDLINK, the Federal Library and Information Network operates an online service for librarians titled ALIX (Automated Library Information eXchange II) at

(202)287-9656. The system runs on an IBM AT clone over four telephone lines using TBBS multiline system software. It provides a forum for exchanging information on library and information center automation programs, solutions to library/info center automation problems, and microcomputer experiences and techniques for librarians. Bruce Miler and Erik Delfino act as system operators.

ALIX provides a wealth of information on how to automate your library or information center. It includes an online electronic newsletter largely comprised of clippings from the Library of Congress Information Bulletin. The system also provides a fairly comprehensive list of professional library/information associations operating on both national and state levels. This is a virtual mailing list of every library association in the country.

The interesting thing about this system is that it deals with the nuts and bolts of presenting information online - ostensibly by libraries. But the techniques are applicable to anyone operating any type of online information system. For example: we found a fascinating conference in progress dealing with opticalcharacter-recognition devices/software to allow libraries to convert printed matter to an online format. A Palantir system was the current subject of hot debate. There was also a variety of software available of fairly narrow interest including a CDROM cost analysis in Lotus 123 and Supercalc formats as well as a utility to convert BRS downloads (an online commercial database) to dBase format and a voice telephone list of almost every Federal library in the country.

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES BBS

North Carolina State University sponsors a Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife and Fisheries Statistics Project. As part of this, they operate an RBBS bulletin board system titled SESAME (South-Eastern Software And Message Exchange) at (919)737-3990 in Raleigh NC. Wayne Comelius serves as system operator. SESAME operates 24 hours at 300/1200/2400 bps.

SESAME specializes in software and information for biologists, wildlife/fisheries managers, and professionals from around the country. They maintain a national list of other BBS devoted to wildlife preservation, nature, and ecology. They also provide a special section for the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society.

The system is open to all with an interest in hunting/angling and it actively solicits software relating to the management of fisheries and hunting areas. SESAME, North Carolina State University, PO Box 8203, Raleigh, NC 27695; (929)737-2531 voice.

GRAPHIC FILES BBS

Jim Maxey of Portland Oregon operates a fascinating service titled EVENT HORIZONS at (503)777-1578 on a four-line TBBS system. The service is not only not free, it's not even cheap at \$3 hourly (2400 bps) or \$8 hourly (HST 9600 bps) with a 7-hour minimum payable in advance. However, you can log on and look around for twenty minutes at no charge.

The purpose of Event Horizons is to provide an immense variety of digitized graphics images available for download. The good news is that Mr. Maxey creates all his own graphics files by digitizing them with 800-line cameras and digitizers into incredibly vivid high resolution images including VGA standard images in 512 X 400 dot resolution with up to 256 colors. They call these MAXIPICS. The bad news is that if you do pay to subscribe to the service and do download graphics images, you can't really do anything with them. Mr. Maxey claims that he creates and owns all these images himself and retains full copyright to them. Given the wide number of movie celebrities and cities included in his graphics files, as well as Playboy Magazine centerfolds, we have to seriously question his copyright to all the materials listed but it's largely a mute point. You can download and look at the files, but ostensibly you cannot use them for anything commercial or even useful apparently without further "arrangement" with Mr. Maxey.

The system also provides a custom digitizing service. You can mail in a photograph and have it color digitized for \$12.50 for EGA quality and \$28.50 for high resolution VGA quality. We assume you can use your own digitized photographs for whatever you like. Conversely, you can upload a file and have it converted to either 35MM slide or a printed image.

Mr. Maxey goes to some pains to point out that they do not take credit cards, there is no quantity discount, and they don't "trade" images. We did download the CATALOG.ARC file and from what we could tell, there is an immense number of images available for download. Everything from Oregon Coastline to Twin '57 Chevies to John Lennon, and of course the usual plethora of bare-backed beauties in various poses of indiscretion that have become common in the world of PC graphics.

The concept of custom digitized photos, a large high resolution library of existing GIF file images, operating on a multiline commercial TBBS is just excellent anyway you cut it. We found this one marred by

moderate over pricing, and a childishly strident defense of same in spite of the overall technical excellence. This is a recurring theme on the emerging commercial type of BBS. Once the sysop arrives at a price schedule, he then seems driven to convince not only his users, but himself that it is an appropriate value. Unfortunately this is normally accomplished by shrill, even accusatory monologues that destroy the professional image that might convince us the service is worthwhile at the posted price. This overselling, in short, backfires with monotonous regularity. Event Horizons should be a marvelously worthwhile service. With a seven hour minimum and the current attitude of the operator, we'll not likely soon know. Event Horizons, 5800 S.E. 88th Ave. Suite 30, Portland, OR 97266; (503)777-3595 voice.

SHAREWARE.

BINKLEYTERM VERSION 2.00 RELEASED

At one time, Fidonet was both a network of computer's that automatically exchanged mail in the wee hours of the AM and a BBS software package required to join the network. In the last few years, numerous other BBS software packages have been released that were capable of communicating with the Fidonet, most notably the **OPUS** BBS package. More recently, a group of "mail handlers" has come out that can give most any BBS package a Fidonet "front-end". Programs such as **Dutchie**, **D'Bridge**, **FrontDoor**, and **BinkleyTerm** provide varying degrees of network interface capability, and in most cases, don't require the operator to run a BBS at all to join the fun.

These mail packages open up an entirely new world of BBS communications to PC owners. The only hard and fast requirement for joining Fidonet and receiving your own Net/Node number is to be mail capable via one of these packages and to reliably be up and running during National Mail Hours (0300-0400 MDST). These packages eliminate the need to run a BBS at all! Once you have a Net/Node, you can receive/send mail to over 3800 Fidonet systems world-wide.

For those who don't want to keep their machine up all night every night for mail, a number of local Fidonet sysops have begun setting up mini-nets made up of their more active users. The user, or "point" system, can "poll" his "boss node" to pickup mail at any mutually agreed on time. Likewise, if the point system wants to send a message, he passes it to his boss node for transmission. The boss node is a fully capable Fidonet BBS in most cases who, in a sense, handles and stores mail for the points in his sub-net.

One of the most popular mail programs is titled **BINKLEYTERM**. It is available completely without

charge and it includes a terminal program as well as the mail capability and features in integral **ZModem** file transfer protocol.

The BinkleyTerm terminal program is pretty basic in most respects and it can be somewhat more complicated to set up than packages such as ProComm and Telix. It requires a manually created configuration file and the use of a separate FOSSIL program to control the modem. Few users choose Binkley just to log onto local BBS. The program's unattended mode is where the magic comes in. Incoming calls from Fidonet compatible systems are handled quite automatically and Binkley can be used to send and receive both messages and files. An event schedule file allows you to specify when and where the messages/files are sent.

Binkley is classified an "open" system. This is because it is used as a mail front end for a variety of other BBS software as well as accommodating a variety of message editors, packers, etc. If all of this sounds a bit complicated, rest assured that it is in fact a bit complicated. The interaction of batch files, nodelists, message editors, packers, and BinkleyTerm is referred to by some as "Voodoo Programming" and it's driven more than one PC owner to near hysteria. But once you have it all working together, it does a credible job of handling incoming and outgoing mail. It requires only 160 KB of RAM to operate and it is commonly used with multitasker software to allow backgroun operation.

Version 2.00 of BinkleyTerm was released on August 27 in the file BEXE_200.ARC. The file includes documentation, configuration files, the executable BT.EXE and some assorted small text files. The new version adds an improved screen interface providing five "windows" to monitor current settings, pending outbound mail, recent activity, transfers in progress, and a today-at-a-glance summary. The configuration and event schedule has been separated into two files in this upgrade from the previous version 1.50. The package now supports modem speeds up to 38,400 bps.

The program was written by Vincent Perriello of Naugatuck Connecticutt (Fidonet 141/491) with the assistance of Bob Hartman of Nashua New Hampshire (Fidonet 132/101). A local Denver sysop, Alan Applegate, created the documentation files and can be reached at the Short Line BBS Fidonet 104/36 at (303)778-7312. Short Line has the BEXE_200.ARC file available for download. The program is also available on the Denver PC Boardwatch roundtable on the local General Electric GEIS service at 1-976-4347. Type BOARDWATCH at any prompt.

SELDIR.ARC

Since verion 2.0 of DOS we've been blessed with the capability of defining a subdirectory tree. Most of us have done a lot better at defining than remembering what it was we defined. Last issue, we described a program that lets you find a file anywhere on disk (WHEREIS.ARC) with a simple command that almost appears as a DOS extension. This issue, we continue our series on the small, unnoticed utilities that make life easier with a program that works very well in tandem with WHEREIS. It's called SELDIR for SELect DIRectory. Where WHEREIS helped you find files, SELDIR will help you find directories.

The program comes in an archive file of 5760 bytes titled SELDIR.ARC. It unarchives to two files SD.DOC (530 bytes) and SD.EXE (5840 bytes). Place the SD.EXE file in a utility directory somewhere on your hard drive that is pointed to by the DOS path command in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. In this way, the new SD command will be available from anywhere in your drive.

Using SD.EXE is embarrassingly simple. For example: assume you are in the root directory of the C drive (C:\) and you wish to change directories. In the case where you might enter the normal DOS command CD \MAIN\COMM\JACK2\SINGLES, simply enter SD SINGLES instead. The program will automatically leek out the path to SINGLES and change the directory for you. It's small. It's simple. It works. And if you do much hard drive navigation this program can literally save you thousands of keystrokes.

SD.EXE and WHEREIS.EXE can work very well in tandem. For example: assume you wanted to find the file JOLLY. Enter WHEREIS JOLLY. The WHEREIS program will return the subdirectory JOLLY is located in \HUMOR\TXTFILE\NOV88\CLOWNS\JOLLY. Rather than type all that in, simply enter SD CLOWNS. You'll instantly be transported to C;\HUMOR\TXTFILE\NOV88\CLOWNS and have immediate access to JOLLY.

SELDIR was written by Grover Bowen, 650 West 47th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Mr. Bowen wrote the program in January of 1988 using Turbo Pascal 4.0. No shareware contribution is solicited. Thank's for making life a little bit easier Grover. Locally, SELDIR.ARC is available for download from the General Electric GEIS service at 1-946-4347. Enter BOARDWATCH at any prompt.

GT POWER UPDATE

Mr. Paul Meiners of P&M Software called to take us to task over our review of GT POWER version 14.01 in

the August issue. It would seem we mispelled Mr. Meiners name. Our apologies. We would be horrified to find reference in the popular press to Denver PC Birdwatch for example. We also listed the delay counter as incrementing by 0.20 seconds with each usage vice the actual 0.020 seconds (a typographical error). Mr. Meiners further denied that registrations of his product dropped precipitously after the "crippled" version 13.00 was released. In fact, he indicated that his monthly gross jumped from around \$1500 monthly to nearly \$8500 via the ploy. And he went on to state that he had a total of 1800 users registered with about 180 per month currently signing up. We were forced to the obvious question - if it caused income to jump by a factor of five, then why did he then drop the protection scheme in version 14.01? After a pronounced silence, he replied that his users were registering - but they were "pissed off" when they did call to register and he wanted them to be happy. We think it 's just ducky that Mr. Meiners would forgo some \$7000 in monthly sales to keep his customers "happy". In a spirit of conciliation, we will pass these comments on to you, our readers, without benefit of our usual caustic and in this case all too obvious reply. But Seriously.....

PKWARE LOSES SUIT TO SEA OVER ARC PRODUCTS

In a stunning legal victory, System Enhancement Associates (SEA) won a Judgement for Plaintiff on Consent by Judge Myron L. Gordon in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Milwaukee against PKWare, Inc. and Phil Katz. This August 2, 1988 decision is the first case of litigation concerning shareware software and seemed to decisively uphold the copyrights of shareware authors.

The orginal dispute between PKWare and SEA arose when Phil Katz created a "clone" of SEA's popular ARC utility program in late 1985. ARC operates to combine a series of files into a single file with a .ARC suffix. In the process, it also compresses the file using one of several available compression techniques. As a result, a program consisting of 30 files for example and requiring 400 KB of disk space would be compressed to a single .ARC file of perhaps 250 KB. The advantage in data communications is obvious.

The PKWare version of the utility, PKARC, was a significant improvement over ARC primarily in speed of operation. Last November, SEA requested PKWare to pay license and royalty fees. PKWare declined to do. SEA then filed the suit alleging copyright and trademark infringement, unfair trade practices, and unfair competition.

In the judgement, which incorporates a bizarre cross-license agreement, SEA receives undisclosed monetary damages based on the infringement along with full litigation expenses and legal fees. PKWare is licensed to distribute PKARC until January 31, 1989 and will pay SEA royalties on each sale. Thereafter, PK will be permanently enjoined from distributing PKARC or any programs that will operate on .ARC files. Additionally, they were enjoined from using the ARC trademark.

Most notably, PKWare licenses its PKARC source code to SEA. This opens the door for SEA to incorporate the speed improvements of PK into their own ARC product.

Interestingly, PKWare had just released version 3.6 of its PKARC program. The recent version featured further speed improvements. Unfortunately, it also contained some "protection" code to prevent users from disassembling or altering the program. This code was somewhat sloppily implemented causing conflict with other programs. When used with BBSCHESS, Chuck Forsberg's DSZ Zmodem protocol, and by some reports, Quarterdeck's DESQVIEW, it often caused a warm boot of the host machine.

Coincident with the court decision, PK released PK361.EXE on August 2. This version fixes the version 3.6 conflict. As part of the package, a joint press release by PKWare and SEA was included describing the court decision. Significantly, PK361.EXE self extracts its component programs to produce not the expected PKARC.EXE and PKXARC.EXE files, but rather PKPAK.EXE and PKUNPAK.EXE. This is obviously done to avoid the trademark infringement of using ARC in the filenames. PK361.EXE is available for download from the SHAREWARE area of the GEIS Denver PC Boardwatch Roundtable. Dial 1-976-4347, logon, and enter BOARDWATCH at any prompt to access the Denver PC Boardwatch Roundtable.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Last month's editorial on telephone sales solicitations seems to have struck a nerve. We've received a number of calls supporting a ban on the beasties altogether and none taking the side of the telephone solicitors. If the sentiment toward this intrusion is so one-sided, why has nothing been done?

It's likely a matter more of dollars than sense - as these things are wont to be. We've become a society dependent on print and broadcast media to spur us to action. This dependency has reached the point where we assume that if it were really a worthwhile cause,

we would have heard something about it on TV or read about it in the newspaper. And while the journalists of the popular press certainly strive to avoid undue influence of advertisers, it hardly pays to take a largely editorial position that immediately alienates an entire segment of your potential advertising clients. In any event, we think you will hear more on this subject in the future.

It would appear **Denver PC Boardwatch** has survived another summer. Interest in online activities seems to wane harshly with the delightful summer weather. Both subscriptions and retail sales of our little rag suffered from the heat. But we're now enjoying the same autumn recovery we noted last year. With the cautious addition of some modest advertising revenue of our own, the future of **Denver PC Boardwatch Newsletter** seems secure.

The battle for a 9600 bps communications standard rages on. Despite the shrill insistence of those sysops who have invested in the US Robotics HST 9600 model to the tune of some \$505 per, the 9600 bps question is not only still unsettled, but it gets wilder with each new development. Hayes has introduced a tempting package whereby sysops can pick up a new Hayes 9600 bps modem for actually less than the street price of their 2400 bps unit. Now, Intel intro duces a communication card featuring yet another technique and it seems most of the software heavyweights are willing to adopt this specification as a standard virtually immediately. While the Fidonet would seem to be pretty much a US Robotics-based network, there have been defections, particularly on the east coast. It will be interesting to see what effect Hayes' new program has on this. One sure way to a Fidonet sysops heart is through his pocketbook and Hayes may have well found a way to turn things around by undercutting USR by over \$100. These two companies could each double sales overnight and at the same time avoid a price bloodbath by simply agreeing to communicate at 9600 bps via some common mode.

The current trend toward litigation among software companies and BBS operators is a nettlesome basket of goods anyway you view it. Hopefully this activity will help to educate the electronic community more on what is in the purvue of the public domain and what does constitute works protected under copyright law. We've noted an alarming trend locally toward "armchair lawyering" of a grossly inaccurate and in some cases dangerous nature. The popular myth is that if you take a protected work and change some set percentage of its content that it then somehow becomes yours to do with as you like. We know of no legal basis for this but it seems an enchanting if slightly ridiculous



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notion. Creators of both technology and information products must be able to count on the ability to control the sale of their works.

On the other hand, in a perfect world all information would be freely and instantly available to anyone who desired it. The elements of social good stemming from the free and open exchange of information are still valid if somewhat economically unrealistic. There should always be room for a better mousetrap. We cannot allow advances in information and communication technology to fall prey to the insufferable posturing and preening of barristers. To some degree, this has already happened to our national telephone system via Judge Greene's fascinating theory of democratic government by judicial decree.

Had advances in communications technology been made in the past with the speed of our legal system, we would all be communicating by printing with potatoes carved in the shape of block letters dipped in fingerpaint. While it's dubious that the Regional Bell Operating Companies truly have the interests of the consumer at heart, without the current legal restrictions - whatever they would do to us they could at

least do quickly. And Judge Greene would then be free to provide his wise counsel and learned administrative guidance to our deserving friends in the telephone solicitation industry.

We look forward to the many new product developments and the introduction of many fascinating new online services that autumn brings. Visionaries such as Dave Hughes of Colorado Springs and his Big Sky Telegraph system for rural Montanna schools demonstrate what can be done with this technology for the common good. With the dramatic increase both in the number of people working from home via PC and the online services/resources available to them. we are enormously encouraged and excited by the prospects of our electronic village both locally and on the national level. We intend to continue to serve as a lens and focal point for information and developments affecting this community of infopreneurs and technical pioneers to whatever extent our meager abilities allow. Do join us in this effort.

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